

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

COURTS/CITY: Extends the jurisdiction of the City Court of Franklin

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AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2488.1(A)(2)(c), relative to the City Court of the town of Franklin; to
3 provide relative to the territorial jurisdiction of the court; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:2488.1(A)(2)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2488.1. City Court of Franklin; officials and employees; provisions governing

8 A.

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12 (c) In addition to the area provided in Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this
13 Paragraph, the territorial jurisdiction of the court shall extend throughout the portions
14 of Ward Four of St. Mary Parish that extends from the eastern most boundary of
15 Ward Three and is north of La. Hwy. 182 and south of Bayou Teche and continues
16 to the Centerville Bridge Approach Road. In such portions of Ward Four that are
17 outside of the town of Franklin, the court shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the
18 justice of the peace in those cases in which the justice of the peace would have
19 jurisdiction.

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DIGEST

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HB 16 Original

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Abstract: Extends the jurisdiction of the City Court of Franklin.

Present law provides for the territorial jurisdiction of the City Court of the town of Franklin. Provides that the territorial jurisdiction of the court extends throughout the town of Franklin and throughout the whole of Ward Three of St. Mary Parish.

Present law provides that the territorial jurisdiction of the court extends throughout the portions of Ward Ten of St. Mary Parish that are east of the Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal and south of Bayou Teche. Provides further that in such portions of Ward Ten that are outside of the town of Franklin, the court shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the justice of the peace in those cases in which the justice of the peace would have jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the territorial jurisdiction of the court extends throughout the portions of Ward Three and is north of La. Hwy. 182 and south of Bayou Teche and continues to the Centerville Bridge Approach Road. Provides further that in such portions of Ward Four that are outside of the town of Franklin, the court shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the justice of the peace in those cases in which the justice of the peace would have jurisdiction.

(Adds R.S. 13:2488.1(A)(2)(c))